

Dear Sirs,

I am extremely concerned with what these new guidelines will mean for me and my pet.

I am first very suspicious of any claim backed by so-called animal rights activists, when I have seen them banter about for sanctuary of lab rats, disregarding the years of healthy human life given out of research. And I've witnessed the "rescuing" of a pitbull dog who was then caged in the back of some animal rights activist's truck in the sweltering California August heat. Excuse me, but in my opinion they don't know SQUAT about the health and safety of our beloved pets.

My husband bought me our Shih-tzu after learning we couldn't have any children. She is our baby. She is the ideal substitute: never barking, hypo-allergenic, filled with therapeutic love, and small enough to travel with us whenever and wherever possible.

We have had marvelous success on our non-stop flights to California. She is small enough to fit under our seat in a flight-approved carrier. We have received nothing but giggles and supportive comments as we've brought her across the sky to funerals and weddings. My family adores her; this year my uncle asked if she could fly out for Christmas and we stay home! If we couldn't bring our dog, our baby, to California for Christmas, we'd probably stay home, like we've done the last three holidays.

What's unfortunate is the cost of her \$150/rt ticket when she takes up less space than an article of luggage, and the fact that only one animal is permitted on each flight. And now I'm afraid how this docket will affect our dog's flying privileges. Will the cost of the tickets go even higher? Will they still enforce the one animal/flight rule or will they allow more than one if the shot records are up to date?

In the end, I feel you should permit those familiar with breeding, raising, training, and loving animals to control their safe travel, not a bunch of meddling fanatics who can't even find themselves out of an unlocked cage.

Sincerely,

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